Leslie Heppler - Re: Surety Release Concurrence for Vegetation bond - E0450153

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From:

John Blake

To:

Leslie Heppler

Date:

5/17/2012 11:52 AM

Subject:

Re: Surety Release Concurrence for Vegetation bond - E0450153

Leslie,

RE: Western Gypsite Pilot Mine, S/045/0084

Since Western Gypsite, plans to re-open a reclaimed gypsite mine under a new lease, ML 52085, SITLA concurs with release of the vegetation bond posted by the former lessee under ML 50736. I understand that Western Gypsite will post, a reclamation bond with DOGM for the new mine in Section 2, T1N, R13W, SLB&M. The reclamation surety estimates of \$36,700 (3-year)/\$37,500 (5-year) computed by DOGM for the Pilot Mine are acceptable to SITLA.

Cultural Resources clearance for any new disturbance at the proposed Pilot Mine is still pending completion of a review by SITLA archeologists. Only the previously disturbed area presently has cultural resources clearance. I will let you know as soon as our review of the areas proposed for new disturbance is completed.

Thanks.

John Blake Deputy Assistant Director/Minerals Trust Lands Administration

>>> Leslie Heppler 5/14/2012 5:14 PM >>>

John - I have reviewed the revegetation for the old Duneset Mine, which was seeded late last year (2011). The vegetation has yet to grow, but SITLA now has a new leasee "Western Gypsite" for the Gypsite Pilot Mine.

If you are will to accept the reclamation with out regrowth with a 3 year establishment. Please send your concurrence for release of the vegetation bond via email. If you have any questions please call me at 801-538-5257

thx-lah

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